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Japanese patent application 4-185700, according to the English language abstract, relates to absorbents having a high cleaning and absorbing power and are especially effective for carpets, with no environmental pollution.

German patent application DE 44 11 047 A1, according to the English language abstract, relates to a scatterable carpet-cleaning composition with rollable particles to reduce carpet wear and slubbing and collect loose fibers.

German patent application DE 199 28 333 C1, according to the English language abstract, relates to a carpet cleaner in the form of cellulose-based porous particles having a matrix of regenerate cellulose containing carbamate groups per anhydroglucose unit

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